

STUDY SESSION MINUTES TRAVERSE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

TUESDAY MAY 20, 2014

7:30 P.M.

**Commission Chambers
Governmental Center, 2nd Floor
400 Boardman Avenue
Traverse City, Michigan 49684**

PRESENT: Vice-Chairperson Jody Bergman, Commissioners Michael Dow, Jeanine Easterday, Janet Fleshman Cecil McNally Chairperson John Serratelli, Bill Twietmeyer, Janice Warren, and Tim Werner (arrived at 8:17 p.m.)

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Russ Soyryng, Planning Director; Missy Luick, Planning and Engineering Assistant; Tim Lodge, City Engineer

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Serratelli at 7:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS- None.

4. DISCUSSION OF 4/15/14 "TRANSFORMING OUR MAJOR STREETS" PRESENTATION BY BOB GIBBS AND POSSIBLE GRANT REQUEST FOR 8TH STREET DESIGN CHARRETTE OR CORRIDOR ZONING DISTRICT OVERLAY (DISCUSSION)

Mr. Soyryng explained that he has had preliminary discussions with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority regarding applying for a grant request for an Eighth Street Design Charrette and Corridor Zoning Overlay District as an action step for implementation of the Corridors Master Plan. The next grant cycle opens on October 1, 2014.

Commission discussion.

Commission consensus was to move ahead with plans to submit a grant application for Eighth Street in October.

5. 8TH STREET RESTRIPIING REQUEST DATED 4/28/14 (DISCUSSION)

Mr. Soyryng explained the Eighth Street temporary restriping request that was submitted to the City Commission by over 50 letter signers in the Boardman Neighborhood area. The current street width is 45 feet wide, with four lanes. The Corridor Plan calls for the street to

be 43 feet wide with three lanes and two bicycle lanes. The request is to restripe Eighth Street from Woodmere to Lake Street to three auto lanes and two bicycle lanes.

Mr. Lodge addressed the commission and discussed the May 20, 2014 Eighth Street Evolution memo that was distributed to the commission this evening.

Commission discussion.

Commissioner Werner arrived at 8:17 p.m.

The following made public comment on the subject:

- Bob Otwell, 525 Washington St, city resident, supports the request
- Richard Kuchell, 500 Webster, city resident and city business owner, opposes the request
- Gary Howe, 926 Lincoln St, city resident, made general comments
- George Golubovskis, 325 Washington St, city resident, made general comments

Commission discussion.

Commission consensus was to present a memo at the June 3, 2014 Regular Meeting of an action plan regarding Eighth Street including the following:

- Temporary Eighth Street restriping request
 - Public process approvals required
 - Evaluation strategy/measurement criteria
- Eighth Street Design Charrette/Zoning Overlay application
 - Proposal overview including timeline
- 2018 Eighth Street Reconstruction

6. 2014-15 STREET PROJECTS (DISCUSSION)

Mr. Soyring explained his updated memo to the Commission dated May 12, 2014 regarding the following streets that have been identified for reconstruction: State Street, Franklin Street, Seventh Street, Ninth Street, Eleventh Street, Union Street and Plainview Street.

Commission discussion included preferences for bumpouts near schools, parks or downtown; replacement of street trees during reconstruction and innovative stormwater management.

The following made public comment on the subject:

- Julie Clark, 604 W Twelfth, city resident, made general comments

Staff will proceed to send letters requesting feedback to residents/occupants along the affected streets. Staff will revise the proposed street plans based upon both the Commission comments received at both the May 6, 2014 and May 20, 2014 meetings and comments received from residents/occupants. The Commission will review the 2014-15 street projects for consistency with the Master Plan at the August 5, 2014 Regular Meeting.

7. ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT ORDINANCE (DISCUSSION)

Mrs. Luick explained Mr. Soyering's May 13, 2014 memo to the Commission.

Mr. Soyering addressed the Commission.

Commission discussion.

Commission consensus was to refer the possible expansion of the Accessory Dwelling Unit Overlay District to the Housing and Building Committee and the committee will bring a recommendation back to the Commission at a future meeting.

The following made public comment on the subject:

- Gary Howe, 926 Lincoln Street, city resident, supports expanding the ADU Overlay District
- Bob Otwell, 525 Washington Street, city resident, supports expanding the ADU Overlay District

8. HONEY BEEKEEPING IN MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS (DISCUSSION)

Mrs. Luick explained her May 13, 2014 memo to the Commission and briefly explained the Honeybee ordinance.

Commission discussion.

The following made public comment on the subject:

- Ken Richmond, 333 Boardman Ave, city resident and city business owner, supports expanding honey beekeeping
- David Ford, 742 Washington Street, city resident, supports expanding honey beekeeping

Commission consensus is for Staff to work on draft revisions to the ordinance to allow honeybee keeping on parcels with more than one dwelling for discussion at a future meeting.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT- None.

10. ADJOURNMENT- Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 3, 2014

Jan Warren _{ps}
Jan Warren, Secretary